

Gang War Blamed In Shooting Spree



BULLET WOUND—Robert Hernandez Luna, 14, shows parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Luna, bullet wound he received when a carload of teen-agers fired at him, a woman and a little girl on Martin St. in Carson area Sunday night. Sheriff's detectives said they believed shooting arose from feud between two gangs. Press Photo



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School Bond Issue Wins Huge Victory in Election

Money to Finance New School Building

A \$15,000,000 school bond issue won a smashing victory at the polls Tuesday, with 87% of the votes supporting the fund proposal. Final tally favored the bonds 9328 to 1335.

A total of 10,699 votes were cast, representing approximately 30 per cent of the eligible voters. The issue to build five new schools and to finance additions at more than 20 others was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority in all but one of the 25 polling stations.

The only place it mustered a numerical majority but not a two-thirds majority was in the old city hall precinct downtown.

Wanted Schools
"I think this is a case of people wanting to provide schools for their children, and they went out and did it," declared Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent.

"Now that they gave us the tools, we'll go out and do it," he added.

The superintendent said at present calculations, the funds will be sufficient to provide for the building needs of the district until 1964.

He said a lot depended on the growth of the district's assessed valuation and student population.

Growth Rate
School officials predict that in five years, the student population, now at 23,300, will zoom by 40 per cent.

"It all depends on what happens, whether we'll get the most growth in valuation or kids," Dr. Hull said.

He said that Torrance's phenomenal birth rate has been the reason for the huge building program conducted here the past 10 years.

He cited that Arlington, Va., with a population of 170,000, has a school enrollment of 9000, while Torrance, with fewer than 100,000 people, has more than 23,000 students enrolled here.

Man Ends Life With Friend's Gun
Using a borrowed gun, a Torrance man shot himself in his bathroom over the weekend.

Police listed the death of Wayne Jay Rathbick, 49, of 1103 1/2 Arlington Ave., as a suicide.

Investigators said that the victim's wife, Mildred told them her husband, who was unemployed, had been despondent for some time, and had borrowed the .38 caliber revolver.

Rathbick died at Harbor General Hospital.

Garrett Corp. Seeks Site for New Plant in Torrance

Officials of the Garrett Corp. this week confirmed reports that they are negotiating for a 66-acre site "in the Torrance area." Company spokesmen declined to say where the future home of AirResearch would be located until they have completed the purchase. They also refused to say whether the site for which they are dickering will be within the Torrance limits.

One possible area could be land on 190th St. east of Crenshaw Blvd., where Ramo-Woodbridge had planned to build its new plant earlier this year. The deal fell through following a realignment of company operations.

Officials of the Garrett Corp. parent company of AirResearch, said that they want to move their operations from the present location at 9851 Sepulveda Blvd., Westchester, because eventually the plant will be surrounded by Los Angeles International Airport.

Announcement of the negotiations for a Torrance site was revealed in a bulletin distributed to employees of the concern, which manufactures aircraft accessories and components.

Back Bond Issue

Endorsement of a \$225,000,000 county bond issue to provide drainage, was given Tuesday by the Torrance City Council.

Torrance will receive approximately \$3,000,000 of this amount to relieve flood conditions in Waverly Lake, Hollywood Riviera and other sections of the city.

Ryan Torrance Plant to Produce \$20,000,000 Pact

Production work on a \$20,000,000 contract for radar navigation equipment for the Navy, will start next year at the Ryan Aeronautical Co. Torrance plant.

The order, largest ever received by Ryan's Electronics Division, gave impetus to a nationwide recruiting campaign for engineers and technicians in a projected doubling of the Division's facilities by Jan. 1. The contract calls for production extending into 1960.

Adaptable to all Naval aircraft, the self-contained navigation equipment will initially be used in the Navy's giant Lockheed Neptune and Martin Marlin patrol planes, carrier-based Douglas Sky Warriors and three Grumman aircraft types.

Considered a major breakthrough in conquering navigation problems, the equipment designated AFN-122 (V) is an all-weather airborne ground velocity indicator which employs continuous-wave Doppler radar. It automatically, continuously

Salesman in Pink as Thief in Blue Mood

An automobile salesman with an eye for color, was credited with the arrest of a suspected car thief under circumstances that stretched the point of coincidence.

Paul Spigg, 27, a salesman for Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave., was on a holiday trip to Las Vegas over the weekend, and just as he got ready to leave, he spotted a shocking pink custom-built sports coupe which was reported stolen from the used car lot of his firm a week before.

He tailed the car to the Sahara Hotel, where he enlisted the assistance of a guard.

When the driver of the car got ready to enter the auto, which has black and white upholstery, Spigg and the guard held him for the sheriff's deputies.

Arrested on suspicion of grand theft auto, burglary and federal Dyer Act charges, was Donald R. Matteson, 23, of Salt Lake City, who described himself as a hardrock miner, and denied stealing the car.

Matteson was returned to Torrance Monday by Lt. Ted Morris and Det. Wally Nitz.

Spigg, who was quite modest about his 1000-1 shot in amateur detective work, shrugged off his feat.

"The car stood out like a sore thumb. It was a wonder it wasn't spotted for a whole week."

Boy Hit, 2 Missed By Shots

A "rumble" between two feuding teenaged gangs was blamed today for the gangland-type shooting spree in which a boy was wounded in the foot and two other persons narrowly missed by a hail of bullets.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Robert Hernandez Luna, 14, of 21745 Martin St., in the Carson area who was hit by a .22 caliber bullet while walking in his driveway.

The shot was fired from a car which was believed to have contained four teenagers about 17 or 18 years old.

Misses Woman
The Luna boy was shot shortly after a bullet whizzed by the head of Mrs. Helen F. Brengartner, 49, of 21712 Martin St., while a little girl was another target of the gang.

A number of alleged members of the "L Street" gang from Wilmington were picked up and questioned, juvenile officers at the Firestone Sheriff's Station said.

Gang Feud
They said the shooting was apparently prompted by a feud between the Wilmington gang and the "Knights" who headquarters in the Carson area.

Sheriff's officers said they had received tips that there had been ill feelings between the two gangs.

"But nobody is talking. Nobody saw anything," one officer said.

The description of the car pointed to a dark sedan with red wheels.

Probation Site Sought in City

The county is ready toicker for the construction of a district probation office here, if Torrance offers them land to build on.

That was the content of a letter received from Robert B. Heuer, director of the county real estate department.

He said that he will meet with representatives of Torrance whenever they are interested in the proposal.

RECALL WORKERS
Approximately 35 persons will be recalled to work at the Torrance Works of U.S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division between now and Oct. 31 when the mill is scheduled to light up the third of its four open hearth furnaces. The mill has been operating at a two-furnace level since last October.



THIS LONG—That was the size of the black panther Dr. Don C. Moshos said he saw in a canyon near his Rolling Hills home. The Torrance physician said that his wife, Bernice, also saw the legendary animal Tuesday morning.



GIANT STACK—David Stoneberg, II, of 606 Acacia Ave., eyes stack of pancakes, which will be mouth-watering part of annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast Saturday in Torrance Civic Auditorium. Press Photo

Cross-eyed Bandit Ties, Gags Woman Clerk Here

A suspect was grilled yesterday for the robbery of a downtown clothing store in which the woman clerk was bound and gagged by a cross-eyed bandit.

Detectives said that the lone robber waited until all customers had left Kelley's Men's Store, 1319 Sartori Ave., Tuesday afternoon before he approached Mrs. Irene Dumais, 44.

Covering his face with a shirt he had picked up in the store, he growled,

"Let me have the cash and keep your mouth shut."

He pushed the woman toward the cash register, where he ordered her to give him \$30 in currency.

He then pushed her into the restroom, where he tied her ankles and wrists and gagged her mouth with handkerchiefs.

Just as the robber left the store, he was observed by Don Harwood, of Lynwood, a delivery man. He found Mrs. Dumais and promptly called police.

Two suspects answering the description of the bandit were interrogated by police yesterday.

7 Nabbed In Beach Theft Try

Three young men and four women companions were arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary Tuesday night at Torrance Beach.

Police, summoned to the scene by a silent alarm, said when they arrived they found two women on the roof of Drew's concession stand at the foot of the beach. A male suspect was attempting to pry open a window with a stick.

The suspects denied they intended to burglarize the stand, and insisted they had gone to the beach to look at the view.

Booked in the Torrance city jail were Robert Joseph Sallee, 20, Naomi Ruth Sallee, 18, identified as his wife, and Kathleen Karen Sallee, tentatively identified as his sister, Curtis Thaddeus Olk, 20, David Merlin Hartman, 21, Bonnie Lee Stewart, 18, and Shervyn Bna Wayne, 18.

All suspects reside in Hawthorne or Lawndale, officers said.

Commissioners Named
Three members of the Park and Recreation Commission were reappointed for another term by the City Council.

They are Chairman Robert Gramer, Mrs. Rose Craig, and Lawrence Gitschler.

3000 to Breakfast For 'Y'

Final preparations are being completed for the Torrance YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast to be held in the Civic Auditorium Saturday.

The granddaddy of all Torrance community breakfasts will get underway at 6 a.m., and hot cakes, sausages, orange juice, milk and coffee will be served continuously until 11:30 a.m.

The YMCA expects more than 3000 "good neighbors" to aid the YMCA by enjoying this mammoth meal during that time.

In addition to dozens of YMCA Board members, Y's Men, Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Club members and Volunteer YMCA Leaders helping to serve and prepare the big feast, the "Y" has recruited six professional chefs from the Culinary Arts Association to flip the 9000 flapjacks needed for the occasion.

The Torrance Area Youth Band will play from 7:30 until 10 a.m. Following this entertainment, the PTA Mothersingers will perform several numbers.

At 10:30 a.m. master of ceremonies Bill Evans will announce the name of the person selected to receive the Al Turner Trophy. This person will be known as the Good Neighbor for 1958.

In addition to the late Al Turner, this award has been given to Mrs. Verda Hansen; Dr. Kurt Shery; A. H. Bartlett among others.

A number of door prizes will be awarded during the morning, and a bike will be given to the youth who sold the most tickets for the breakfast.

Man Injured in Collision

James F. Fanning suffered minor injuries in a two-car collision at 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. over the weekend.

Police said that the resident of 5016 Cathann St., said he would see his own doctor.

The other car was driven by Johnny Rudolph Thomas, 19, of 18815 Hawthorne Blvd., officers said.

Torrance Doctor Meets Up With Legendary Panther

The legendary black panther of the Palos Verdes Peninsula is no figment of the imagination.

At least not to Dr. Don C. Moshos, Torrance physician who said he saw him for nearly 10 minutes Tuesday morning.

The doctor said he was watering the lawn at his home, 2570 Trofers Terrace, Rolling Hills, when he suddenly spotted the black animal stalking slowly up Georgette Canyon at 9:50 a.m.

He immediately called his wife, Bernice, who also observed the animal.

Pure Black
Dr. Moshos said the feline was about five feet long and pure black.

"I'd been hearing stories about the black panther for years, but this is the first time I ever saw him," he said. He said he called his neighbor, Dr. Rollin Smith, whose home is on the other side of the can-